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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrice DEBREGEAS et al.

Title: DEVICE FOR COATING
GRANULES TO BE
ADMINISTERED ORALLY

Appl. No.: 09/582,871

Filing Date: 08/09/2000

Examiner: Thurman K. Page

Art Unit: 1615

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	44	—	20	=	24	x	\$18.00	=	\$432.00
Independents:	1	—	1	=	0	x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$270.00	=	\$270.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:									\$702.00

- [] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$890.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,390.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,890.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$702.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$702.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$702.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$702.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

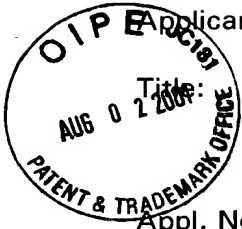
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Action, dated May 2, 2001, that concerns the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration of the application is requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the following:

The invention concerns a device for producing granules, in particular pharmaceutical granules, comprising a drum (4) with peripheral apertures (25) and a member (30) feeding the drum with coating or fixing substance. The drum (4) comprises mutually parallel sections (22) defining between them the apertures (25).

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1-16, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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